BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED ON THE PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABILITY
INTEGRATED PLANNING OF ASUNCION’S METROPOLITAN AREA

BUILDING A PLATFORM

Stengthening dialogue
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Within the project, we strive to develop and strengthen dialogue and coordination among different institutions, including civil society and the private sector.

We seek to create an instance for urban integrated planning of Asuncion’s metropolitan area, involving all key stakeholders like the municipalities and central government institutions.
INTEGRAL METROPOLITAN APPROACH

A COMMON GROUND

The concept of an Autonomous Institute for Planning of Asuncion's Metropolitan Area (IAPAMA), was initially conceived as a high-level technical body with competencies in urban planning, institutional development, capacity building and development policies. The mandate would be to lead inter-institutional and intersectoral coordination in Asuncion's Metropolitan Area and facilitate the implementation of each of the eleven cities' Sustainable Development Plan (PDS).
ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS

The process started with key stakeholders and the project's main counterparts:

- Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development.
- Ministry of Public Works and Communications.
- Ministry of Urbanism, Housing and Habitat.
- Technical Planning Secretariat.
- Municipalities.
- Academia.
INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION

REACHING A CONSENSUS

There was an initial agreement regarding the need to create the space for coordination, planning and monitoring of investments in infrastructure projects that would take place in Asuncion's Metropolitan Area (AMA).

In order to continue in this direction, key stakeholders signed a Letter of Intent, seeking to strengthen the process started by the Project and created a roadmap to consolidate the idea of establishing the IAPAMA.
"The territorial planning processes of Asuncion's Metropolitan Area must be faced in an articulated and coordinated manner by the Municipalities, in order to achieve a harmonious development of the territory and face their challenges."

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ADAPTING A NEW FORMAT

In the process towards establishing the institute, it has become evident that we need to go through various stages.

One of these stages is the revision of the legal framework, since population growth and development of current municipalities demand an integrated vision of the metropolitan area for decision-making and investment processes.

This represents a major paradigm shift in municipal and central government management.
A PLATFORM TO WORK TOGETHER

The proposal is to benefit from one of the Project's existing working groups, which already includes all key stakeholders, and scale up towards a new methodology of a Dialogue Platform. The latter will be a space for coordination, planning and monitoring of projects to be implemented in the AMA.

Furthermore, this allows to continue to build trust among key stakeholders and provides the opportunity to discuss all issues prioritized by each of them.
Incorporating environmental variables in land-use planning is directly linked to sustainable development in cities. It contributes to a wider knowledge of the territory, allowing for sustainable management of natural resources, environmental protection and economic development. It improves the quality of life for all citizens of the AMA.

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MOVING FORWARD

ARTICULATING THE PLATFORM

The dialogue platform methodology is working for other sectors and represents a great opportunity to articulate the proposal for the IAPAMA.

We plan to consolidate the working groups developed by the Project within its different components, in addition to other spaces of dialogue articulated and implemented within other initiatives and institutions. Through formalizing the platform, we seek to establish work plans towards the same vision: an integrated management of Asuncion's Metropolitan Area.
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